GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR ZOOS
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zoos in the country including in Rajasthan;

(b) the guidelines specified for conservation and protection of animals in zoos;

(c) whether some zoo authorities are not complying with the said guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against such authorities zoo-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Sir, there are 192 recognized zoos (inclusive of 22 circuses) in the country including Rajasthan.

(b) The Central Zoo Authority has developed guidelines for the Scientific Management of Zoos, which includes conservation and protection of animals in the zoos.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. There are nine zoos, who are not complying with the said guidelines. The list of such zoos is annexed at Annexure −I. The Central Zoo Authority had issued show cause notices to all the zoos as to why the recognition granted to the zoo should not be cancelled. The recognition to the Bikaner Zoo at Bikaner, Rajasthan has been cancelled under Section 38H of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 on 19.06.2014 with provision of appeal before the appellate authority.